

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 6 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/013551.

Please add new claims 7 to 12 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (new): An engine hood for a motor vehicle having a deformable head impact zone to protect pedestrians in the event of a collision with the motor vehicle, the engine hood comprising:

an outer shell formed by a paneling of a body of the vehicle;
at least one inner shell disposed below the outer shell and connected to the outer shell, the inner shell having a stiffening region, wherein the stiffening region includes a vaulted structure including local folding of a material of the inner shell so as to insignificantly increase the surface area of the material.

Claim 8 (new): The engine hood as recited in claim 7, wherein the inner shell includes a base part defining a cutout and an insert part disposed in the cutout and fixedly connected to the base part, and wherein the stiffening region is formed by the insert part.

Claim 9 (new): The engine hood as recited in claim 8, wherein the insert part includes a semi-finished product having a smooth edge region and a vault-structured portion.

Claim 10 (new): The engine hood as recited in claim 7, wherein the insert part includes an edge region and is adhesively bonded to the base part at the edge region.

Claim 11 (new): The engine hood as recited in claim 7, wherein the vaulted structure defines a plurality of bulge domes vaulted out in a direction toward the outer shell.

Claim 12 (new): The engine hood as recited in claim 11, wherein the plurality of bulge domes of the vaulted structure are adhesively bonded to the outer shell.